



Illinois State Board of Education

Illinois Attendance Commission

House Joint Resolution 0011

Every Student Counts, Every Day Matters

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- WHEREAS, The early years are a critical period in a child's learning and development, and set the foundation for higher-level thinking skills later in life; and
- WHEREAS, Missing too many days of school can make it difficult for youth to stay on track in classes and maintain momentum for graduation from high school; and



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- WHEREAS, Chronic absenteeism is a powerful predictor of the students who may eventually drop out of school; and
- WHEREAS, Chronic absenteeism can lead to poor educational and life outcomes for children; and

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- WHEREAS, Students with documented disabilities are more likely to be absent from school than their same-aged peers; and
- WHEREAS, Children and youth who are homeless benefit from being in school and yet are more likely to be chronically absent; and

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- WHEREAS, The hard work of educators is undermined by chronic absenteeism among students; and
- WHEREAS, Positive re-engagement strategies can decrease chronic absenteeism and youth involvement in the juvenile justice system; and

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- WHEREAS, Children with involved families have better school attendance, lower suspension rates, and overall higher graduation rates; and
- WHEREAS, Students who are in school every day are much more likely to engage in positive behaviors; and

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- WHEREAS, Community involvement decreases chronic absenteeism and potentially increases the local quality of life; and
- WHEREAS, School attendance promotes college and career readiness, thereby increasing the number of students in Illinois with high quality degrees and credentials; therefore, be it



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- RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we encourage the Illinois State Board of Education and each school district in this State to consider the benefits of the attendance awareness campaign -



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encouraged by the Illinois Attendance Commission; and be it further RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois State Board of Education and the Regional Offices of Education.

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Created by **Public Act 099-0432** within the State Board of Education, the Illinois Attendance Commission studies the issue of chronic absenteeism and makes recommendations for strategies to reduce chronic absenteeism among Illinois schoolchildren.

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